

## TAKE NOTICE.

Prof. J. W. Robertson, Commissioner of Agriculture for the Dominion of Canada will speak in the Berea College Chapel on Saturday, May 5, either at 10 a. m., or 2 p. m. as will be announced next week.

Prof. Robertson is a practical farmer, and through his advice the farmers of Canada have so improved their products as to put millions of dollars in their pockets. He has probably done more for the men who till the soil than any other person that ever lived. He knows how to talk to farmers. Come and learn how to get more money out of your farm. He comes at the invitation of Berea College, and the lecture is free to all.

## IDEAS.

Thou shalt not wrest judgment; thou shalt not respect persons, neither take a gift; for a gift (bribe) doth blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the righteous.—Deut. 16:19.

The really vital thing in every denomination is the same in all denominations: it is pure religion—ethics charged with emotion. Theology has no part or lot in it. The vital religion of to-day is drawn from these convictions: the fatherhood of God; the brotherhood of man; the leadership of Jesus Christ; salvation by character; onward and upward forever. And their translation into practical life gives us the Golden Rule. Now these are the precise contents of the Gospel. And they are almost as revolutionary of present conditions as they were of those in the days of Jesus. But conservative or radical, they—and not the creeds—are the everlasting Gospel. And they, and not the creeds, are to dominate the world henceforth.—From an Episcopal parish paper.

## IN OUR OWN COUNTRY.

The Reverend (?) Thomas Dixon, "Lawyer, preacher, author, dramatist, and destructive statesman," as well as "unmitigated nuisance," as the Louisville Times calls him, is again in evidence. He is greatly worried over the fact that a million negroes are scattered around in the northern states, and is exploiting his new dramatized novel, *The One Woman*, in a pretended effort to raise money to secure the enactment of laws against the marriage of whites and blacks. It is a pity that one cannot legislate good taste either in the North or the South else Mr. Dixon and his writings would be speedily eliminated. After the aftermath of the recent rendering of *The Clansman* at Springfield, Mo., one would think that one who ever read his Bible would wish to suppress himself, at least for a time.

Former National Civil Service Commissioner Foulke, in a speech in Chicago, recently said, "The Senate has been opposed to every important reform inaugurated by President Roosevelt, and it is a grave question whether the legislative body represents the people. It opposed the Roosevelt policy on the Panama canal, the Philippines, civil service, recent legislation for railroads, and the San Domingo treaty." Are we going to permit this sort of thing to continue?

President Roosevelt has sent a message to the Senate asking that the House appropriation for the benefit of San Francisco be increased to \$1,500,000. Subscription lists have been opened in all the centers of population. Secretary Taft asks that an appropriation of \$1,000,000 be made to enable the War Department to continue its work of relief. This is the greatest fire known on this continent and measures of relief commensurate with the calamity must be taken.

## FROM THE WIDE WORLD.

Harper's Weekly says that in the last two years Germany's Southwest African had cost the German government 150 million dollars and some thousands of lives by massacres and in course of operations to subdue the natives. And all this for a territory that has no more than 5,000 European residents and of which the combined imports and exports amount to no more than two and one half million dollars a year. Can our colonial possessions make a much better show?

President Castro, of Venezuela, who has put his country into the hands of his chief Vice, while he recuperates from the strenuous life, threatens to invade the United States. He says the invasion is to be for two purposes. One is to convince the people here that he is not the swashbuckler and semi-savage that he has been painted, and the other is to show them that he knows the rights of Venezuela and purposes to maintain them. All of which is important if true.

## EDUCATORS

And Public School Superintendents of Eastern Kentucky  
Meet in a Three Days' Conference in Berea.

### IMPORTANT TOPICS DISCUSSED

Visitors Were Sumptuously Banqueted  
Thursday Evening in Ladies' Hall—  
Visiting College Buildings and  
Grounds Much Enjoyed.

The fourth conference of public school Superintendents and Educators was held in Berea last week, lasting from Thursday noon to Saturday noon and was a marked success. Everything passed off pleasantly and the occasion will be long remembered by all who participated in it.

The visitors were met at the train Thursday evening by Professor Dinsmore, Secretary Gamble and Supt. of Extension Tupper and were taken to Ladies' Hall for lunch. After lunch, they were taken to Williams Cottage where rooms had been prepared for them, and then with Secretary Gamble as cicerone they visited the different buildings of the College. Especially were they interested in the industrial buildings and the work going on in them.

At 6:30 they were taken to the West Dining Hall where they, with the members of the convention, sat down to a banquet where they were enabled to test another line of the industrial work of the institution. After enjoying the good things prepared by Miss Cameron and her helpers, Professor Dinsmore, the toast master of the occasion, rapped to order and in his genial way introduced the speakers of the evening. First, President Frost told what he would do if he were a farmer in Letcher County. He mapped out a very simple and attainable ideal, but one that would be productive of a great change of conditions if followed by the farmers in Letcher county or elsewhere. He would have his farm divided into fields for cultivation, pasturage, and grass so as to have a proper rotation of crops. He would have fruit and flowers. He would have cattle and sheep and horses. He would have a home with fireside and the simple comforts of home life for self and family and the wayfarer stranger. Then he would turn attention to the community around and give time and care to the building up of Sunday and day schools and the social and religious life of his community. It was a picture that warmed the hearts of all who heard.

Next Superintendent Mark, of Louisville was called upon. He spoke very appreciatively of what he had already seen especially of the spirit of the teachers, of the Berea spirit, and said that, if he had thirty such teachers to add to his force in Louisville, he would revolutionize the schools of that city. Supt. Mark spoke encouragingly to the teachers and Superintendents and very appreciatively of the work that is being done to build up the schools in the state and especially in the eastern part of it.

Professor Josephine Robinson responded to the sentiment. "A charge to Keep I Have." She spoke of her charge, the girls of the institution and of the responsibility it entailed, in view of the fact that the young women of today are the home makers of the future. She closed with the following parody of the well known hymn. "A charge to keep I have; The Girl to glorify, A never-dying Home to save, and make a fit place for the best man on earth to live in."

Superintendent Crabbe, of Ashland, introduced as one who had "left" the state of his birth, Ohio, to settle in Kentucky, spoke feelingly of ambition and resolution and quoted very aptly a bit of verse in which a persimmon, "on a tall, tall, tall" tree was the object of longing successively of three small boys. One looked at it with desire but concluded that it was too high for him, and he had no pole. The second thought he would wait till the persimmon fell, but the third, throwing off his coat, climbed the tree and "ate the crop."

Miss Corwin then spoke on what the Library can do for those who are not in immediate touch with it. She spoke of the friends of the people of this region whom the latter have never seen, and of the gifts of papers, magazines, and books that are coming to the College for those who want, really want, them. She told of the traveling libraries that go out each year with the students of the Normal department who go out to teach, and of the resources of the

Library that are open to other teachers. These are, 1. Story papers for children. 2. Papers of more advanced grades with a colored front page. These may be read, the pictures that tell stories can be cut out for composition purposes, and the other pictures may be cut out by the little ones to keep them busy and teach them accuracy and neatness. 3. Papers containing recitations for school exhibitions and holidays. 4. There are odd numbers and whole years of the standard magazines that may be passed around among the many who long for such reading matter. Finally, Miss Corwin spoke of the fact that the law provides that a school getting together forty volumes can have a school circulating library, and said that the College would co-operate with teachers wishing to establish such libraries.

Dr. Cowley spoke of some diseases, especially of the eyes, to which many of the students seem particularly liable, and of the means of preventing these.

Superintendent Campbell, of Boyd county, told of the trials of the superintendents in appointing school trustees and of the experience he was gaining every day.

Finally Rev. Mr. Hopkins, of College Hill, gave something of his personal history in his efforts to secure an education, and spoke feelingly of what Berea has done and is doing for his children. This closed a very enjoyable evening.

Friday morning the visitors visited classes in the various departments of the institution till Chapel hour, 9:45, when they came into United Chapel and Superintendent Crabbe, of Ashland, and Superintendent Mark, of Louisville addressed the students and teachers. Both gentlemen spoke on the general subject of success, Mr. Crabbe asking: "What does it mean to win?" and giving the following answer: 1. To win means to will to win. This he illustrated with several examples. 3. To win means to work. This also was vividly illustrated. 3. To win means to fight.

Superintendent Mark followed in something of the same strain. After speaking of his own experience in getting an education and of his work in Louisville, he told a number of stories of those who have won success by consecrating their lives to their work. He closed with the following formula for attaining what appeals to us as great and good; a formula that illustrates the history of all achievement: "I see. I like. I would. I were. I will be." Both addresses were listened to with the closest attention. The rest of the morning was spent in visiting classes.

At 1:30 p. m., the conference assembled in the Upper Chapel and considered the general subject of school legislation. Superintendent Tupper, of the College, presided and introduced the subject as under three heads: Faults of the present laws. Faults of the proposed law. Features that should be included in any new school legislation. The faults of the present laws seem, in the estimation of the speakers, to lie in the trustee system, and in leaving action toward raising any money beyond that coming from the state solely to the citizens of the districts. The fault in the law proposed during the last session of the State Assembly appeared to lie in the possibility of the four trustees belonging to one faction or party and their using their position to reward their political friends. Another objection made to the law was in its taking all immediate control over the schools from the patrons. The features desired in new legislation were adequate salaries for well qualified superintendents, obligatory local taxation with taxes collected by the sheriff, local management of schools with supervision by county superintendent, and sufficient compensation for teachers to enable them to make a life business of teaching.

Nearly all the members of the conference took part in the discussion.

At 2 o'clock the Conference divided into two bodies, the Superintendents remaining to consider problems of superintendence with President Frost as Chairman, and the teachers going to the Chapel stage to consider subjects of special interest to them under the leadership of Professor Marsh. President Frost introduced members of the industrial faculty who spoke on the feasibility and advisability of introducing industrial features into the common schools. Mr. Flanery, of the Horticultural Department, and Mrs. Hill, of the Domestic Science Department spoke on their specialties. At 3:00 the Conference adjourned and the members were taken to ride, visiting the brick-yard and "swinging around the circle" of the Berea community.

At night the Conference assembled with the faculty and students of the

College in the Chapel, where President Frost presided over a Platform Meeting. After music by the College Orchestra and a song by the Glee Club, one minute speeches were heard from the students on the question as to what is the most discouraging thing and the most encouraging thing in the counties they represented, from an educational standpoint. The following students of the College responded, speaking strictly to the point: Farris McGlone, Carter county; E. C. Whit, Morgan county; John D. Munsey, Leslie county; Carl Kirk, Martin county; R. F. Boggs, Claiborne county, Va.; Robert Spence, Laurel county; George Kirk, Lee county, Va.; L. F. Brashear, Perry county; J. W. Kincer, Rockcastle county; and Wm. Hopkins, Casey county. These speeches were listened to with much interest, and gave a comprehensive glance at the educational conditions in the various counties. Following these speeches, the Ariel Quartette sang and then Principal Lewis, of the Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky., and Principal J. N. Booth, of the Olive Hill schools, gave brief addresses.

Saturday was, in respects, the "great day of the feast" for on this day there was held a general conference on subjects of especial interest to all educators. Twelve topics had been suggested and of these four were discussed quite generally. Professor Marsh spoke on "Oases," meaning those spots in the educational wilderness of the country that the effort and persistence of energetic and devoted teachers have transformed. He cited one such spot in Rockcastle county, and Superintendent Ballard was called upon to testify to its existence. Superintendents Lewis, of Laurel, Campbell of Boyd, Garrett, of Owsley, and Miller, of Estill, and President Frost joined in the discussion. After a short intermission, in which the visitors were taken to the Chapel tower to "view the landscape o'er," the Conference was resumed and the subject, "How to secure better attendance," was discussed by Principal Brock, of Burning Springs, city Superintendent Gunn, of Mt. Sterling, Dr. Hubbell, of the College, Superintendent Campbell, and others. The thought seemed to be that the secret lies in an inspiring teacher and not in special methods. Professor Dinsmore introduced the subject, Shall we hold County Expositions? and the question was discussed further by President Frost, Superintendent Garrett, Prof. Booth, Mr. Dean, of the College and others. The idea evidently seemed feasible and the project desirable. The last subject there was time to discuss was How to make the Superintendent's visits profitable. This was opened by Superintendent Lewis and Professor Dinsmore but the lateness of the hour prevented further discussion. The Conference closed at 11:30, with much regret on the part of many who had come under its inspiration and the spirit of hopefulness that inspired all who took part in it.

The Committee appointed by the Fourth Conference of Public School Superintendents and Educators at Berea in April, 1906, offer the following resolutions:

1. Resolved that we extend a vote of thanks to Berea College for arranging this conference and that it is the sense of this meeting that such a conference be held annually if possible.

2. Resolved that it will be advantageous for the common schools to begin as early as possible in July so as to avoid bad weather in the late fall and early winter.

3. Resolved that we encourage the districts to levy taxes for school purposes and that such taxes be collected by the Sheriff and at the same time and in the same manner that the state and county taxes are collected.

4. Resolved that we shall do all in our power for the promotion of good roads; especially building of pikes from one county seat to another.

5. Resolved that whenever practical we favor the formation of larger school districts with two or more teachers in each school.

6. Since the state offers diplomas to students who have completed the common school branches, resolved that we urge the county superintendents and teachers to encourage pupils to secure such diplomas.

7. Resolved that we believe in using all honorable means to improve the qualifications of teachers.

8. Resolved that a rising vote on the part of the visiting members of this conference be extended to the faculty, students, and authorities of Berea College for the superb hospitality shown us while here, and that we assure them our hearty appreciation of and co-operation in the glorious work they are accomplishing for the cause of education in Eastern Kentucky, G. W. Garrett, Chairman, H. W. Gunn, M. E. Marsh.

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